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DD/S STAFF MEETING

25 August 1970

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2. Security violations totaled 5 in July 1970 (DD/S 70-3408) as compared with 6 in July 1969.

3. Mr. Bannerman invited attention to his memorandum of 17 August concerning recommendations for Honor and Merit Awards (DD/S 70-3368). Skillful preparation of recommendations requires that careful attention be given to the details of the individual accomplishment upon which the award is to be based. Stereotyped language should be avoided. Mr. Bannerman encouraged the use of awards as a form of recognition.

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4. The Office of Management and Budget has proposed that the Agency's FY-1972 budget be cut by [redacted] Instead of the [redacted] increase we had requested, we would then receive [redacted] less than in FY-1971. The Agency is preparing to appeal for the amount originally requested, but because of heavy pressures for budget reductions, it is doubtful that we will obtain the full amount we are seeking. The ultimate reductions are likely to bring about some trade offs between Directorates. Expenditures for Southeast Asia have continued to increase and there is no assurance that the Agency reserve will be replenished.

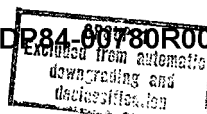
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5. Several of the annual reports on highlights and accomplishments of Offices during FY-1970 have now been received. The reports to date are extremely good, show a fine effort and a high level of accomplishment.

6. The Annual Awards Ceremony has been scheduled for 18 September at 11:00 a.m. in the headquarters' auditorium. After presenting the certificates, the Director will accept questions from the floor. More

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25X1 detailed guidelines will be issued before the ceremony. Mr. Bannerman asked [] to draft, for Colonel White's signature, a memorandum announcing the ceremony to the Deputies.

7. Around the Table

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25X1 During a period of heavy demand on communications facilities, including the providing of service for the President's trip to [] and the Vice President's tour, the worst radio-propagation conditions in many years have been experienced. The difficulties with the [] circuit have also occurred at an inopportune time.

25X1 [] has returned from a three-week's trip with a most encouraging report.

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A personalized letter is being sent to []

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All position control registers are expected to have been brought up to date by 1 September.

Some adverse reaction is expected from employees who are to be converted from Staff to Contract status.

OP and OGC are in agreement on a regulatory amendment to provide for selection out, but the IG has taken exception and prefers a separate regulation. A letter has been drafted to Colonel White explaining the OP and OGC position.

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The theft and sale of house trailers is becoming a big business; care should be exercised in purchasing a used trailer.

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OMS is providing advice to the Department of Justice regarding domestic medical coverage for agents of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

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e. Mr. Cunningham

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[] who will begin a Congressional Fellowship in November, is one of 18 selected from 42 government-wide nominations.

The 21 August session with 39 student members of the Cal-in-the-Capitol program from the University of California at Berkeley went very well. The film, "Need to Know" was followed by a briefing by Mr. Cunningham and a question period. The students showed a keen interest and were very polite.

Two new Career Trainees have inquired about a rumor concerning mandatory retirement at age 50. The CT Staff has again raised a question regarding the stigma which is believed by some to attach to internal CT applicants who are rejected. A means is being sought to avoid having a memo of formal rejection become part of the applicant's permanent personnel record.

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[] Wattles and Cunningham will be meeting [] on Training Selection Board matters. Because budget cuts may limit all external training including attendance at senior schools, Mr. Cunningham asked whether appointments should be made contingent upon availability of funds. Mr. Bannerman replied that it would be premature to so restrict Board action at this time.

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f. []

Recent newspaper articles concerning tax withholding from retirement payments have raised a number of questions. IRS will publish guidelines for FY-72; meanwhile OF is in touch with CSC for clarification of current policies.

g. Mr. Blake

Current budget problems involve several counter productive factors. Activity in Southeast Asia continues to increase; any with-

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drawal from would involve considerable costs.

The NPIC/EOI fact sheet should be completed by Thursday, 27 August; a similar document is being prepared on the Map Library.



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